

## NEWS FROM SUFFOLK AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA.

## SUFFOLK.

## Attacked at His Home by Three Unknown Men.

**Bloodhound on the Trail—Brilliant Marriage at Franklin—Hit With an Axe—Colored Man Found Dead—Postoffice Robbed—Personal.**

Suffolk, Va., Jan. 25.—J. W. Godwin, with his house as a castle, this morning desperately resisted the onslaughts of three unknown men who sought his life. He could not repulse them till more than twenty shots had been fired, and he was wounded and bleeding and nearly exhausted.

Godwin's home is near Aholkie, N. C. About 3 o'clock this morning three men approached, and, after forcing an entrance, began shooting indiscriminately, though most of the leaden messengers were meant for Godwin.

When the would-be assassins had gone word went out on the wires for detective aid. Hurricane Branch and Deputy Norfleet's noted bloodhound, Tom, left on the first train. They soon found the trail, which was hot, and late this afternoon a telegram says that the posse and bloodhounds are clearly pursuing the fugitives.

The motive for the attack was not learned.

## PRETTY FRANKLIN MARRIAGE.

Beautified with tasteful floral decorations and softly lighted by candelabra, the auditorium of the Franklin Methodist Church, crowded with Southampton farming folk, was the place of a brilliant marriage at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. The principals were Miss Lucie Garrett, daughter of the late Dr. Thomas J. Garrett, and Mr. Robert G. Norfleet, of Princess Anne, Md., was best man. Little Miss Lela Pace was ring-bearer, and these were ushers: R. E. L. Watkins, Dr. W. W. Arthur, Wm. J. Goodman.

The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. C. H. McGhee. James L. McLemore, of Suffolk, a brother-in-law of the bride, gave her away. Miss Jennie Ware Pretlow, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Dr. Robert G. Norfleet, of Princess Anne, Md., was best man. Little Miss Lela Pace was ring-bearer, and these were ushers: R. E. L. Watkins, Dr. W. W. Arthur, Wm. J. Goodman.

The decorations were mostly green. There were palms, ferns, cedar, hyacinths and white lilies. A wealth of floral offerings had been laid about the chancel.

The bride, who is a bright-eyed brunette of pronounced type, looked lovely in a tailor-made traveling gown of black broadcloth, plainly made. She wore a black velvet hat and carried thirty-six beautiful bride roses—a bouquet whose size almost obscured the view of the pretty bearer. The bridal band was made from two marriage rings worn, respectively, by the mother and grandmother of the groom.

The maid of honor was dressed in white broadcloth and black velvet hat. She carried carnations. The little ring-bearer had on a smart gown of white silk.

THE HONEYMOON.

Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick left at 4:10 o'clock on the Seaboard Air Line for a Northern honeymoon, which will be passed chiefly in New York. They will be at home after February 5th in Hotel Franklin.

The train made a special stop at the High street crossing to admit the bridal party.

Last evening there was an ante-nuptial reception at the bride's home, on High street. The hours were from 8 to 11 o'clock.

Among persons from a distance who attended the nuptials were: Mr. and Mrs. James L. McLemore, Suffolk; Mrs. Tucker Bridges, Henderson, N. C.; Mrs. Lucy Clifton Briggs, Salem, Va.; Miss Lillie Drew Barham, Newsoms, Va.; Miss Jane Pretlow, Richmond.

THOMAS JEFFERSON'S COUSIN.

The bride is one of the most popular young women in Southampton. Her grandfather was a cousin of Thomas Jefferson.

Mr. Hedrick is a merchant, being junior member of the firm of W. T. Pace & Co.

TOO HARD FOR STEEL.

Late this afternoon two negroes, Andrew Higgs and Seth Holloman, fought determinedly. They are railroad men, who work in Foreman Taylor's gang near Aholkie, N. C. Holloman is the cook.

Higgs in his desperation grabbed an axe and made a fierce lunge at Holloman's head. The blade met the skull with a sickening thud. The axe was damaged, and there is a big head gash. Holloman will live.

FOUND DEAD.

A man named White was to-day found dead on the Norfolk and Carolina tracks near the 39-mile post, nineteen miles south of Suffolk. He was discovered by train No. 12 crew. He was a colored man. His head was crushed and there were other evidences of mutilation.

The body was turned over to Gates

county, N. C., authorities, who ordered an inquest. The coroner's jury said that White came to his death by coming in contact with a moving train.

GOT MARRIED IN TOWN.

A young couple whose homes are near Elwood to-day drove to Suffolk and got married in town. They were Miss Annie E. Holland, 16 years old, and Mr. William J. Vaughan. They were wed by the Rev. Joseph B. Dunn, rector of St. Paul's, at the rectory, No. 115 Main street.

A license was issued to-day for the marriage of Mr. Augustus C. Oliver and Miss Sarah E. Harrell, aged 18, daughter of John T. Harrell.

POSTOFFICE ROBBERED.

One night this week thieves broke into the store of W. K. Davis & Co., in Southampton county, by digging under the floor. A few goods were taken and the postoffice cash drawer was tapped, but the stamps were not disturbed.

THE WRONG HOUSE.

A lady who lives on Bank street heard a noise to-night, and at first thought it was a burglar. A little search showed it to be a local man who had entered the wrong house. He thought he was home.

IN PARAGRAPHS.

County Treasurer S. T. Ellis left this afternoon for Richmond to make his semi-annual settlement with State Auditor Marye. Mr. Ellis will renew acquaintances in the House of Delegates and return home Saturday.

HARPER & WEST TO-DAY PAID E. W. Epps, at Windsor, \$905.94 for loss on his building in the late fire.

St. Mary's P. E. Church, at Gatesville, N. C., will on February 7 have a benefit entertainment. They will present by amateur talent, "Ten Nights in a Bar-room."

L. E. Whaley, who lives near Box Elder, the other day had burned an outhouse in which were kept peanuts, buggies and tools, most of which were lost.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Esther Cuthon took place this afternoon from the Baptist Church. Rev. J. F. Love pastor, conducted it.

The Woodmen of the World will meet Friday night.

"JIM CROW CAR"

BILL PASSED

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for the stamping or labelling or prison-made boots and shoes.

ANOTHER NORFOLK BILL.

The House Committee on Roads met at 10 o'clock this morning. The committee took up and reported favorably a bill authorizing the consolidation of the turnpikes around Norfolk. A favorable report was also ordered on a bill offered by Hon. John E. Epps, providing punishment for disorderly conduct on railway trains. The committee reported a bill authorizing certain privileges to the Atlantic and Danville railroad. On motion of Mr. Lyons, of Norfolk, the vote was reconsidered by which the turnpike consolidation bill was reported, and the matter was postponed in order to hear parties interested in the measure.

AGAINST A BILL.

A bill requiring foreign insurance companies doing business in Virginia to deposit securities with the Treasurer for the protection of policy-holders was also considered. Mr. Dupuy, the patron of the bill, spoke in favor of it and Major C. S. Stringfellow against it. The bill was reported with the recommendation that it do not pass.

PETERSBURG.

FREE OF DEBT—CHARGED WITH FORGERY—PERSONAL.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 25.—The Young Men's Christian Association of Petersburg is now free of indebtedness on the current expense account. At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the association seven new names were proposed, and the applicants for membership elected. The directors are much encouraged at the manner in which the work of the association has been going on for the past year, and have proposed plans for enlarging the work, especially in the line of night classes. The work of the physical department for the past three months has been entirely satisfactory, and the members are rapidly being enrolled.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

E. R. Wallace, a young white man, charged with forgery, was before the Mayor this morning, by whom he was sent on for trial at the next term of the Hustings Court. Wallace was arrested some days ago at Newport News.

DWELLING BURNED.

The dwelling of Mr. N. T. Purdy, in Brunswick county, was destroyed by fire a few nights ago, with its contents. Two young men, who were asleep in the house, came very near being burned to death. One of them jumped from a window, and the other, a Mr. Freshman, in rushing from the house, was badly burned, and has been confined to the house ever since from his injuries. Mr. Purdy lost all of his furniture. His loss is in the neighborhood of \$1,000, on which there is no insurance.

HYMENEAL.

Mr. Thurman T. Hawthorne and Miss May Ellington were united in marriage to-night at 8:30 o'clock at the parsonage of the Second Baptist Church by Rev. J. D. Hart. Miss Mary Rolfe was maid of honor, and Mr. Henry Pugh best man. The groom holds an important position with the Southside Railway and Development Company, and the bride is a most attractive young lady of this city.

OFF FOR EUROPE.

Misses Annie E. Mary Willis and Ellen Jackson and Catherine Spotswood left this afternoon for New York, whence they will sail on the Kaiser Wilhelm for Europe. The young ladies will spend most of their time in Rome and other cities of Italy.

Sheriff Turnbull, of Brunswick county, is in the city on business.

SUFFOLK ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE TO WOODMEN—MEMBERS OF ROSEWOOD CAMP, No. 2, Woodmen of the World, are requested to assemble in their Forest at 8 o'clock TO-NIGHT (Friday) for the installation of officers. The newly elected officers are especially directed to appear on time. J. C. NELMS, JR., Clerk.

CAN YOU AFFORD TO BE WITHOUT health insurance when it costs so little each year? \$2.00 a year pays \$5.00 per week. \$4.00 a year pays \$10.00 per week. \$10.00 a year pays \$25.00 per week. \$20.00 a year pays \$50.00 per week. For further particulars apply to WOODWARD & BLAM, Suffolk, Va.

## NEWPORT NEWS

## Grand Jury Will Investigate the Lynching of W. W. Watts.

**The Political Event of the Month Will Come Off Next Wednesday—A Negro Magistrate of Bloodfield on Trial at Hampton.**

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Newport News, Va., Jan. 25.—One of the most interesting legal incidents in the history of the Corporation Court of this city occurred this morning, when Judge Barham charged the grand jury to investigate the recent lynching of W. W. Watts, the Lynchburg boy, who was taken from the station house on the night of January 4th into a wood near the city and shot to death by a mob.

It was the first lynching in the history of Newport News, and consequently it was the first time a Newport News grand jury was ever so charged.

Witnesses for the investigation have been summoned for to-morrow morning, when the affair will be probed. It is probable that one or more indictments may be made, though, up to this present date, the authorities have not succeeded in fixing the crime of the lynching upon any one individual.

A POLITICAL EVENT.

The political event of the month will be the sixth annual banquet of the American Democratic Club, the most powerful political organization on the Virginia peninsula. This banquet will be held on the night of January 31, and will be the most notable in the history of the organization. Messrs. Madison and Tyler, representatives in the General Assembly from this district, will be present. Among those invited are Hon. W. A. Young, of Norfolk; Senator John W. Daniel, of Lynchburg; Delegates Folkes and Wallace, of Richmond; Judge Baker P. Lee and Mayor Hope, of Hampton, and many other distinguished gentlemen.

NEGRO JUSTICE ON TRIAL.

The case of Magistrate Charlie Robinson took an unexpected turn at Warwick Courthouse this morning.

Robinson is a negro justice of the peace in Bloodfield. He went into office on a curious political wave, which put the Madison faction into power in the county and displaced the Crafford faction, which had been in control for some years.

Robinson immediately became a sort of storm centre. His bitter opponents kept their eyes upon him, looking for the slightest dereliction upon which to hang an action that would oust the negro from office.

Presently Robinson was arrested. He was charged with embezzling public funds—certain fees of his office that should have been turned in to the State. He was bailed and employed ex-commonwealth's Attorney Fay C. Collier, of Hampton, to defend him.

On the side of the State were Commonwealth's Attorney P. St. George Willcox, E. S. Robinson and Colonel J. C. Baker. They went after the negro's scalp with a vigor that boded him ill.

The case was called in the Warwick County Court Tuesday. Two days were lost arguing motions, technicalities and preliminaries. The merits of the case were to have been gone into to-day, but when court convened Mr. Collier raised an objection to the venire facias. He said that there had been a hot factional fight, in which his client was mixed up. Feeling was high, and he was afraid it would be difficult to obtain a jury capable of giving his man a fair and impartial trial. Judge Lee told him that he had every confidence in the venire, but to accommodate him, he would discharge the venire and order another one for 9 o'clock the following morning. This was done, and the case went over until to-morrow morning.

CAPE CHARLES.

NEWSY NOTES FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Cape Charles, Va., Jan. 25.—Monday night Cape Charles Council, No. 103, Jr. O. U. A. M., met and installed the following officers for the ensuing term:

Councillor—J. L. Applebaugh.

Vice-Councillor—J. D. Taylor.

Junior Past Councillor—R. A. Bradley.

Recording Secretary—W. E. Jones.

Assistant Recording Secretary—J. H. Doughty.

Financial Secretary—H. L. Litzenberg.

Treasurer—W. H. Sterling.

Chaplain—R. Bullman.

Warden—H. H. Russell.

Inside Sentinel—W. W. Lewis.

Outside Sentinel—T. M. Ward.

After the officers had been installed considerable "floor work" was dispatched.

Many growls and a sulphuretted atmosphere characterized the news-stands in Cape Charles yesterday morning when the Virginian-Pilot failed to materialize. An explanation was afforded when the Southbound train returned the missing packages at 5 o'clock the same evening. The over-worked mail agent hadn't time to make complete distribution, and so the packages were carried by!

The Rev. Father Mickle, of Saint Charles Catholic Church here, left this morning for Salisbury, Md., where he will lecture to-night. To-morrow night he will lecture in Westover, Md., and thence return home in time to attend to his regular pastoral duties during the Sabbath.

The steamer Old Point arrived in port

this morning on schedule time notwithstanding the dense fog which hung over the bay like a pall. She has trained and skillful navigators in charge—seamen competent to battle with fog, wind and wave.

Prof. S. S. Wilkins, of Bird's Nest, superintendent of public schools for Northampton county, was in Cape Charles to-day on official business. Mr. Wilkins represented this county in the Legislature for several terms.

A. S. Kellam and Robert Palmer, Wachapreague; George Smith, Old Point; W. C. Tabb, Cincinnati; George L. Seymour, Sanford, Fla.; and R. N. McDowell and S. Levin, Norfolk, are at the Northampton.

Miss Lattimer, of Hampton, came over this morning on the steamer Old Point, and thence from here proceeded down the Peninsula to Townsend, where she will remain some days visiting friends of happy by-gone days.

Charlie Travis put in the day most pleasantly Wednesday among friends in Norfolk.

A. Munter and T. S. Manhews, Philadelphia; S. B. Atwell, A. H. and J. B. Lord, Baltimore; Alfred Lillinton, Accomac, Va.; John W. Jones and L. Upshur, Eastville, Va., and J. C. Cummings, of Norfolk, are at the Cape Charles.

Dr. Fletcher Drummond, of Parkesley, has returned to the Shore from a business trip to Norfolk.

A typical Eastern Shore reception and dance will culminate to-morrow night at Jamesville. It will be a "swell" affair, and the leading social event of the season, at which Cape Charles will be well represented.

W. G. Bell, superintendent of the county almshouse, and Mr. W. B. Fitzhugh, all of Machipongo, are in Cape Charles to-day.

Mr. W. T. Travis, of Cheriton, was in town looking after his business interests.

Mrs. P. W. Savage remains critically ill despite the best efforts of Drs. Garland Moore and W. W. Wilkins in her behalf, and the watchful attention of one of Norfolk's best trained professional nurses. Her condition excites the greatest anxiety among her many friends here.

Eugene W. Barnes, of Parkesley, Accomac county, has made application for discharge in bankruptcy. The petition was submitted to Mr. John Goffigon, referee, January 20th.

A division of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will be organized at Delmar in the near future.

Rev. J. R. Van Dyke returned yesterday from Cecilton, Md., at which place he attended the obsequies of his grandfather.

Messrs. George T. Travis and A. J. Downes, of Dalby's, have their machinery all in place and are now ready to turn out vegetable barrels to meet the wants and needs of our farmers.

Mrs. Leonard T. Whitehead, of the Bayview neighborhood, returned to Cape Charles this morning on the Old Point from a visit to Norfolk.

Mr. George Spady came up from Dalby this morning on a business trip to Cape Charles.

Mr. J. J. Burbage, of Cape Charles, has been appointed a notary public.

LYNCHBURG.

ANOTHER MAN ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED CROOKEDNESS.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 25.—Deputy Marshal Felts has made the fourth arrest in connection with the alleged violation of the postal regulations at Fore's store, in Appomattox county.

He brought here this morning and lodged in jail Wesley J. Franklin, who is charged with being one of the men who represented themselves as a corporation doing business with a capital of \$50,000 and dealing in questionable books, whereas it is said that their only capital consists of a typewriter and circulars.

ROANOKE.

DEATH OF MR. J. R. C. BROWN.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 25.—J. R. C. Brown died last night, aged 96 years, at the residence of his son, F. W. Brown, near this city. He was a man of excellent character. The deceased leaves a family of seven children—H. Garland, of this city; Frank W., of the county; W. E., of Salem; J. R. C., Jr., of Martinsville; Rev. George Brown, of Harrisonburg, and two married daughters.

THE SUPREME COURT.

CASE OF TABB ET AL. VS. THE COMMONWEALTH.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., Jan. 25.—The Supreme Court of Appeals to-day handed down a decision in the case of Tabb et al. vs. the Commonwealth, which involves a large amount of money, and is of interest throughout the State.

The question for decision was whether the taxes and levies, which accrued during the estate of a tenant for life, are liens on the estate of the remainderman and enforceable against it. The court holds that those taxes are required to be assessed in the name of and against the person who by himself or his tenant has the freehold in possession; that upon him and no one else are they made a personal liability, and that only his goods and chattels and the life estate of the life tenant are bound for the taxes.

The contention of the counsel for the city of Richmond that even if the lien of the Commonwealth be only co-extensive with her taxes, nevertheless the lien of the city for its taxes is in all cases on the fee, is not sustained, the court holding that the lien given upon real estate for taxes assessed thereon was intended to be a lien on the estate of the person assessed there-with.

For taxes which accrued during the estate of the tenant for life and assessed against him, the lien is only upon the life estate and does not extend to the reversion or remainder. The lien for taxes and levies assessed on real estate, whether they are assessed for the commonwealth or counties, or for the city of Richmond, is only upon the estate assessed with taxes.

The effect of the decision is to relieve the remainderman of all accumulated taxes and delinquent taxes.

OTHER CASES.

Kirschbaum & Co., vs. Blair, etc. Law

and Equity Court, city of Richmond. Affirmed. Judge R. H. Cardwell.

Florence, trustee, vs. Horlen and als. Circuit Court for the county of Henrico. Affirmed. Judge John A. Buchanan.

Henderson vs. Commonwealth. Circuit Court of Rockingham county. Affirmed. Judge George M. Harrison.

Richmond Railway and Electric Company vs. city of Richmond. Hustings Court city of Richmond. Writ of error and supersedeas. Bond, \$150.

Wadley vs. Commonwealth. Writ of error awarded.

TRIAL OF GILLIGAN.

SLAYER OF C. B. TURNER, AT FERGUSON'S WHARF.

The trial of A. C. Gilligan, at Ferguson's Wharf over in Isle of Wight, for slaying C. Beverly Turner, the wealthy father of the young woman he loved, but whose suit was met with parental prohibition, will be one of the most exciting which has come off in this section for many years. It is set for February 5.

Dr. W. D. Turner, a nephew of the deceased, in his anxiety to rebut rumors regarding his wishes for summary vengeance on the prisoner, has offered to pay for competent legal defense in case Gilligan has not enough funds to hire counsel.

Dr. Turner and R. R. Turner, a brother of the victim, say they not only wish Gilligan to have a fair trial, but it is their desire to have the legal search light thrown on every feature of the tragedy and its environments. There are at present circumstances and incidents which are difficult to reconcile.

BURIED AT ROANOKE.

BODY OF WATTS RESTS AT FORMER HOME.

The body of William W. Watts, the first victim of lynch-law in Newport News is now resting in a grave that will be cared for by relatives.

The body, which was claimed at the State Medical College, Richmond, last Saturday, was not taken away from the undertakers until this week and instead of being sent to Lynchburg, the home of the father and sister, it forwarded to Roanoke, where it was given a decent burial. The service was very simple and was witnessed only by the relatives.

RACE QUESTION IN SENATE

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use to vote supplies, but he desired to enter his protest against the Philippine war.

The bill, with its amendments, was passed.

THE FINANCIAL BILL.

Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, said he wanted the Republicans distinctly to understand that he and those who believed with him were hostile to the pending Financial bill and would be to the end.

The Republicans, he declared, had violated every pledge they had ever made on the financial question.

Replying to a suggestion that Republicans were not defending the bill, Mr. Allison said that he believed there would be full and free debate on the bill by members on both sides of the chamber.

Mr. Allison said he should undertake later to show that the Senate amendments are so made that it will not be possible for any Secretary of the Treasury to impound the greenbacks, silver certificates or silver dollars.

NORTH CAROLINA SUFFRAGE.

Mr. Money, of Mississippi, replied to the speech of Mr. Pritchard, of North Carolina, relating to the proposed amendments to the Constitution of North Carolina. He maintained that the proposed amendment was constitutional because many other States had embodied in their constitutions an educational qualification for suffrage, and further because Mr. Pritchard had admitted there were 50,000 negroes in North Carolina who read, and consequently the amendment did not discriminate against the negroes.

Mr. Money held that the whole constitutional amendment on suffrage would stand or fall as a whole, and in response to an inquiry by Mr. Davis, of Minnesota, said that, in his opinion, if one section of the amendment were declared to be unconstitutional the decision would carry down the entire amendment. This opinion was controverted by both Mr. Davis and Mr. Pritchard, of North Carolina.

LITTLE FAITH IN THE NEGRO.

Mr. Money said he did not believe the negro could be educated to such a condition as would enable him to carry on such a government as ours. The ability to govern—to dominate—was born in the white race, and had been in its blood for hundreds of years.

He argued that there was a great struggle in progress for the maintenance of self-government. There was a disposition to yield here in Congress too much to the Executive and to relax that vigilance which was the price of liberty. He insisted that the demoralizing element of negro suffrage should not be injected as an obstacle to the onward course of liberty. "If," he declared, "any State can relieve itself of this incubus nobody here ought to place an obstacle in its way."

Mr. Money stated that in no colony of Great Britain, except in New Zealand, did the blacks participate in the government. The plan has been tried, but the white race had found it impossible to share in the government with the black.

WHITE SUPREMACY RIGHT.

"The people of the South," said Mr. Money, "are justified, and it would be inexcusable if they did not take every means permitted to them by the constitution to retain in their hands the power of government, in the interests

of justice, of right and of civilization.

Mr. Money anticipated there was no danger to the South of losing votes in the Electoral College or representatives in Congress by the restrictions placed on suffrage.

A COLLOQUY.

Mr. Chandler inquired how he would defend the South's retention of its present representatives in the Electoral College in case the colored population should not be permitted to vote.

Mr. Money replied that the basis of a State's representation in Congress and in the Electoral College was based on population and not on votes cast.

In a colloquy between Mr. Money and Mr. Chandler, the latter alleged that the passage of the 15th amendment to the constitution was due to the rejection by the Southern States of the 14th amendment.

Mr. Money said this whole question has been opened by Mr. Pritchard